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*Oh Come
Let us Adore Him*

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, December 26
No Mass

Tuesday, December 27
Mass 7:00pm

† Tony & Sergio DaSilva offered by Beatrice DaSilva and family

Wednesday, December 28
Mass 8:30am

Intentions for Rebecca MacDonald offered by the Ritter family

Thursday, December 29
Mass 8:45am

† Jamie MacPhearson offered by the Ritter family

Friday, December 30
Mass 8:30am

† Franklin Cruz, †Manuel Santos and †Armenio Coelho offered by Lucia Cruz

Saturday, December 31
Mass 5:00pm

Intentions for Maria DeMacedo offered by the DeMacedo family

Sunday, January 1st
Mass 9:30am

All our Parishioners

Thank you kindly for your generous offerings



Parish News...

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY – Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “Evenings with His Excellency”, an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann’s Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann’s YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Christmas is an exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real ‘reason for the season’. Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus. If Christmas becomes only about Santa, it is a real loss for your children and their faith.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - As we move toward the end of the year, take some time as a couple to reflect on your last twelve months together. Ask yourselves what you did well and what you might do better, both for each other and for your marriage. Check in to see if you spent enough time together, if you ever remembered to compliment each other, showed gratitude for the gifts your spouse brings to your life and whether you felt joy more often than not. If your relationship needs strengthening, commit to finding the help you need to make it strong; if you feel good after your assessment, celebrate your love and thank God for his never-ending support.

RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive – A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support and fun! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. **Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month**, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required. For ZOOM link contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH



Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, January 1st
No Mass



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was a **human family with a mother, a father and a child**, and they faced many challenges. Families today continue to be God's masterpiece and

holy ground, a light set on a lamp stand for all to see. What a joy to behold when that light is visible and its rays project love, patience, fidelity and generosity.

Family Unity

Ephesians 4:3 tells us to, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." So we make it a point to pray for unity as we enter into the New Year.

A Prayer for Family Unity

God we thank you for an increased unity in our family in the New Year and every year beyond. We are grateful for your Holy Spirit that allows us to be unified through your peace. We pray that you will help us to be mindful of our decisions and actions toward one another; help us to sow unity everywhere we go. May we glorify you today and every day. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

St. Stephen

December 26th



St. Stephen, died 36 CE, Jerusalem; feast day December 26th, Christian deacon in Jerusalem and the first Christian martyr, whose apology before the Sanhedrin (Acts of the Apostles 7) points to a distinct strand of belief in early Christianity. His

defense of his faith before the rabbinic court enraged his Jewish audience, and he was taken out of the city and stoned to death. His final words, a prayer of forgiveness for his attackers (Acts of the Apostles 7:60), echo those of Jesus on the cross (Luke 23:34). Stephen is the Patron Saint of Deacons and stonemasons. His feast day is observed with both religious and secular traditions in a number of countries which is recognized on December 26th.

St. John

December 27th



Christian tradition says that John the Evangelist was **John the Apostle**. The Apostle John

was one of the "pillars" of the Jerusalem church after Jesus' death. He was one of the original twelve apostles and is thought to be the only one to have not been killed for his faith. In the Gospel of John, the phrase "the disciple whom Jesus loved," or "the Beloved Disciple" is used five times, but is not used in any other New Testament accounts of Jesus. St. John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he had learned from his Divine Master, and which he constantly instilled by word and example. The "beloved disciple" died in Ephesus after AD 98, where a stately church was erected over his tomb. It was afterwards converted into a Mohammedan mosque. St. John is the patron saint of love, loyalty, friendships, and authors. He is often depicted in art as the author of the Gospel with an eagle, symbolizing "the height he rose to in his gospel." In other icons, he is shown looking up into heaven and dictating his Gospel to his disciple. St. John, Apostle and Evangelist's feast day is celebrated on December 27th.

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